

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2555
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2000
CONDITION OF CYCLONE AFFECTED CRAFTSMEN IN ORISSA
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the pitiable condition of craftsmen in Orissa after the super cyclone;
- (b) if so, whether any action plan has been formulated or is proposed to be formulated by the Government to ameliorate their condition;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the government have provided any special package for the craftsmen of the State who were affected by the super cyclone; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES

(SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (e): The Government is aware of the difficult conditions that the craftsmen of Orissa are facing after the super cyclone. As per Action Plan formulated by the Government, a sum of Rs.1.00 crore will be provided during the current financial year i.e. 1999-2000 in the handicrafts sector to the State of Orissa for the benefit of the artisans affected by the cyclone. The plan envisages assistance for construction of worksheds; group insurance and health package; organisation of crafts bazars, exhibition & training etc. In addition, the special package includes: larger participation of such artisans in Dilli Haat; Suraj Kund Craft Mela; Taj Mahotasav, Gwalior Mela, Mini expo's; holding of exhibition and craft bazars; grant of TA/DA for participation in various programmes and enhanced purchases from artisans by the Central Cottage Industries Corporation Ltd. and Handicrafts and Handlooms Export Corporation Ltd. Moreover, a sum of Rs.40 lakhs is being provided to Orissa State Cooperative Handicrafts Development Corporation as share capital assistance for supply of raw material and tool kits to the artisans.